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## Friends of the Henderson County Public Library Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive Grant

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The Friends of the Henderson County Public Library recently received a \$500 grant from the Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. The grant allows Staples associates around the globe to direct more than \$2 million in donations each year through a program called *2 Million & Change*.

“The Summer Reading Program is one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year for the library,” said Lisa Donaldson, Youth Services Coordinator. “Our theme this year is ‘Libraries Rock!’ and the money provided by the Staples grant will help us kick things off with the energetic band, Big, Bang, Boom! We’ll have two fun-packed shows on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> starting at the Mills River Library at 11am followed by a 2pm show at the Main Library. While the concerts are geared toward children and their parents, the Summer Reading Program is for all ages. The Friends of the Library fund the majority of free programs hosted across our six library locations and this summer there are dozens for the community to choose from.”

In 2016, Staples awarded more than \$2.3 million in grants to 1,000 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including job readiness for homeless individuals, career exploration for high school students, academic scholarships, mentoring and more. For further information on this program, visit [www.staples.com/community](http://www.staples.com/community).

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